

LEGISLATIVE BILL 241

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AN ACT relating to public health; to amend sections 71-5206 and 71-5206.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to family practice residents program; and to repeal the original sections.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 71-5206, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

71-5206. If the College of Medicine of the University of Nebraska is unable to train the number of family practice residents provided for in section 71-5204, the college may, with the approval of the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska, contract with other associated programs which:

- (1) Comply with the essentials for residency training in family practice as specified by the American Medical Association;
- (2) Are approved or eligible for approval by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education; ~~and~~
- (3) Are affiliated with an accredited medical school; and
- (4) Are not receiving funds pursuant to section 71-5206.01.

Sec. 2. Section 71-5206.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

71-5206.01. The Legislature may provide funding to the Office of Rural Health for the purpose of funding the cost of resident stipends and benefits, which funding may include health insurance, professional liability insurance, disability insurance, medical education expenses, continuing medical education expenses, pension benefits, moving expenses, and meal expenses in family practice residency programs based in Nebraska but which are not under a contract pursuant to section 71-5206. The resident stipends and benefits funded in this section shall apply only to residents who begin family practice residency training at a qualifying institution in years beginning on or after January 1, 1993. The total funding provided in the form of stipend and benefit support per resident to a family practice residency program under this section shall not exceed the total funding provided in the form of stipend and benefit support per resident to a family practice residency program under section 71-5203.

Upon receiving an itemized statement of the cost of stipends and benefits of a family practice residency program from a sponsoring institution and upon determining that the sponsoring institution is not receiving funds under a contract pursuant to section 71-5206, the office may reimburse such institution fifty percent of such cost for each family practice resident in the program. The office may reimburse such institution twenty-five percent of the remaining cost per family practice resident for each year that one of the program's graduates practices family medicine in Nebraska, up to a maximum of three years for each graduate, and an additional twenty-five percent of the remaining cost per resident for each of the program's graduates who practices family medicine in an area of Nebraska classified as of January 1, 1991, by the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services as Medicare Locale 16. The total number of residents receiving annual financial payments made under this section shall not exceed nine students during any school year.

At the end of the third year of the funding under this section, the sponsoring institutions and the office shall report to the Legislature regarding the performance of the residency programs and the placement of residents and physicians for training and practice.

Sec. 3. Original sections 71-5206 and 71-5206.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.